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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Virginia York Imperials showed some improvement in price Wednesday, December 30, over the prices ruling December 15, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Boxed apple prices were generally somewhat lower. Supplies of apples were light but stocks of barreled apples in the hands of retailers and jobbers were heavy. The bulk of the barreled offerings at the auction was composed of Nova Scotian stock. A large share of the barreled offerings was withdrawn from the auction as they could not be moved at the prices quoted. Only high grade stock is wanted. The condition of the Yorks was good but barrels on the whole were only in fair condition. Inquiry for boxed apples at the auction was fair although the condition and appearance of the fruit was good.

At London Virginia York Imperials made higher prices than two weeks ago whereas Staymans made about the same. Prices for boxed stock were maintained at about the same levels. The London barreled prices were about the same as Liverpool but boxes continued to make more money at London than Liverpool. Supplies of both barrels and boxes were light. Demand could be said to be moderate for both barrels and boxes when it is considered that this is the usual after holiday slack season. The condition of the fruit was good.

Pear prices were higher at both Liverpool and London than two weeks ago. Prices were about the same in both markets. At Liverpool the light supplies consisted almost entirely of Washington Winter Melis. The demand was slow and condition good. At London moderate supplies of Washington and California Melis and Oregon Anjous were offered. Interest was generally lacking and the fruit met with only a slow demand. The condition of the fruit was good.

The Empire Marketing Board reports that the Tasmanian commercial apple crop is expected to reach about 4,125,000 boxes which is about 10 per cent above normal. The pear crop is placed at 200,000 boxes. Both crops are developing satisfactorily and are free from disease. In Victoria prospects are disappointing due to wet weather and thrip injury. Apples are probably not over 30 per cent of a normal crop. Pears are expected to be about 60 per cent of a normal crop. In South Australia a light apple crop is also in prospect owing to thrip injury. The New Zealand apple crop blossomed heavily and a good crop is anticipated providing conditions remain favorable.

Arrivals of fruit in the United Kingdom this week ended Tuesday were: Apples, 10,800 barrels and 15,100 boxes from the United States and Canada; pears, 13,000 boxes from the same source; grapes, 1,000 packages from California; oranges, 40,000 boxes from Palestine and 101,000 half cases of 110 pounds from Spain. In addition, arrivals of South African plums amounted to 9,000, peaches 11,000 and apricots 1,000 packages. During the next seven days the following arrivals are expected: Apples, 15,300 barrels, 137,000 boxes and 200 baskets from the United States and Canada; pears, 37,500 boxes from the same source; and grapes, 2,000 packages from California. About 24,000 packages of South African peaches, 15,000 packages of plums and 600 packages of apricots are expected.

Prices this week were converted at \$3.40 to the pound, last week at \$3.42 and par at this time last year.

## Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool			London	
	1930	1931		1931	
	December 22	December 23	December 30	December 30	
APPLES	BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
York Imperials, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	6.19-6.67	2.93-3.27 <sub>a</sub> /	3.06-3.40	3.06-3.40	
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	6.19-6.67	-	3.23-3.57	-	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	2.33-2.50 <sub>a</sub> /	3.06-3.19	2.72-3.06	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	2.58-2.67 <sub>a</sub> /	-	2.72-3.06	
Winesaps, Va.					
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	2.71 <sub>a</sub> /	-	3.23-3.40	
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	3.96-4.31 <sub>a</sub> /	-	3.40-3.74	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	-	-	2.89-3.23	
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	-	2.89-3.40	
	BOXES				
Newtowns, Oregon					
Extra Fancy 138/163.....	-	-	-	2.38-2.55	
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	2.31-2.39	2.21	2.38-2.55	
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.62-2.74	2.22	2.04	2.12-2.29	
Winesaps, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	1.71-1.80	1.78	2.04-2.12	
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	1.71-1.88	1.70	1.95-2.12	
Fancy 150/175.....	-	1.71	1.70-1.78	1.87-1.95	
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.08-2.14	1.62	1.53-1.61	1.95-2.04	
Staymans, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	1.57-1.61	-	
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	1.61-1.74	-	
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	1.57	-	
C grade 150/175.....	-	-	1.19	-	
Jonathans, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	2.38-2.44	2.07-2.15 <sub>a</sub> /	-	1.95-2.04	
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.38	2.15-2.20 <sub>a</sub> /	-	2.04-2.12	
Fancy 150/175.....	-	2.02-2.15 <sub>a</sub> /	-	1.78-1.87	
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	1.87-1.95	
C grade 150/175.....	2.02	1.90 <sub>a</sub> /	1.78	1.53-1.61	
C grade 188/smaller.....	-	1.90 <sub>a</sub> /	1.53-1.70	1.61-1.70	
Delicious, Wash.					
C grade 150/175.....	2.02	-	1.70	-	
Newtowns, Calif.					
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	1.95-2.04	
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	1.95-2.04	
PEARS	BOXES				
Winter Nelis, Wash.					
Extra Fancy 100/120.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	1.68-1.72 <sub>a</sub> /	1.87-2.00	1.87-2.04	
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	1.81-1.98 <sub>a</sub> /	-	1.87-2.04	
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	1.72-1.90 <sub>a</sub> /	2.12-2.17	1.95-2.12	
Extra Fancy 193/smaller.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	-	1.95	1.78-1.95	
Fancy 100/120.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	-	1.66-1.70	1.70-1.87	
Fancy 135/150.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	-	1.78-1.83	1.70-1.87	
Fancy 165/180.....	1.79-1.97 <sub>b</sub> /	-	2.00	1.78-1.95	
Winter Nelis, Calif.					
Fancy 135/150.....	-	2.50-2.67 <sub>a</sub> /	-	2.55	
Fancy 165/180.....	-	2.41-2.54 <sub>a</sub> /	-	2.55	
Fancy 193/smaller.....	-	2.07-2.24 <sub>a</sub> /	-	2.38	
Anjous, Oregon					
Extra Fancy 135/150.....	-	-	-	3.06 <sub>c</sub> /	
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	-	3.06 <sub>c</sub> /	
Extra Fancy 193/smaller.....	-	-	-	2.72 <sub>c</sub> /	

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.  
<sub>a</sub>/ December 16. <sub>b</sub>/ Size and grade not given. <sub>c</sub>/ Fancy grades about 34 cents less.